BEFORE THE M.P. STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL BENCH RAIPUR

WP(S) 4684/02

O.A. NO._____/2002

APPLICANT : Sant Lal Markam
Asstt. Teacher
Primary School
Kumhi
Distt. Rajnandgaon

VERSUS

NON-APPLICANT :

1. State of Chhattisgarh
through the Secretary
Department of School Education
D.K.S. Bhavan
Raipur (C.G.)

2. The Commissioner
School Education
Govt. of Chhattisgarh
D.K.S. Bhavan, Raipur (C.G.)

3. District Education Officer
Distt. Rajnandgaon

ORIGINAL APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE M.P. STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1985

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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

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Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

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Petitioner : Kisun Ram Joshi
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Petitioner : Kamludas Tondre
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Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

W. P. (s) No. 5051 of 2005

Petitioner : Latif Khan
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Petitioners : Ganesh Ram Patel & others
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W. P. (s) No. 5062 of 2005

Petitioners : Subhash Gupta & others
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W. P. (s) No. 5113 of 2005

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Versus
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W. P. (s) No. 5134 of 2005

Petitioner : Krupendrakumar Meshram
Versus
Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

W. P. (s) No. 5074 of 2005

Petitioner : Jagdish Prasad Sharma
Versus
Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

W. P. (s) No. 5046 of 2005

Petitioner : Kriparam Pater
Versus
Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

W. P. (s) No. 5047 of 2005

Petitioner : Girdhari Lal Verma
Versus
Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

W. P. (s) No. 5049 of 2005

Petitioner : Ramakant Bhuraya
Versus
Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

And

W. P. (s) No. 5052 of 2005

Petitioner : Anand Singh Dhurwe
Versus
Respondents : State of Chhattisgarh & others

Single Bench: Hon'ble Mr. Justice **Satish K. Agnihotri**.

Shri Manish Sharma, Advocate for the Petitioners.
Shri Utkarsh Verma, Govt. Advocate for the State/respondents.

ORDER

(27th October, 2006)

1. The petitioners are working as Assistant Teachers in the government schools. In the course of their services as Assistant Teachers, the petitioners have obtained D. Ed. certificates on their own expenses before 1.3.1999.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the 'Basic Training Institute' (B.T.I.) certificate has been renamed by the order of the State Government as 'Diploma in Education' (D.Ed.) certificate. The petitioners, who have obtained D.Ed. certificate prior to 1.3.1999 are entitled to the same relief as is granted to the candidates who had obtained B.T.I./B.Ed. certificates on their own expenses as per the circulars dated 24.12.1998 and 1.3.1999.

3. Writ Petition (S) No.s 4682/2005, 4681/2005, 4686/2005, 4680/2005, 4684/2005, 4905/2005, 5033/2005, 5051/2005, 5053/2005, 5059/2005, 5060/2005, 5062/2005, 5113/2005, 5133/2005, 5114/2005, 5134/2005, 5052/2005, 5049/2005, 5047/2005, 5046/2005 and 5074/2005 are being disposed of by this common order as the facts and question of law involved in these petitions are common.

4. According to learned counsel for the petitioners, the petitioners are entitled to two advance increments in view of the decision of this Court in the case of Yashwant Kumar Bharadwaj Vs. Municipal Corporation, Durg and another {2006 (II) MPJR-CG 96}. This Court in the case of Yashwant Kumar Bharadwaj Vs. Municipal Corporation, Durg and another (Supra), came to the conclusion that the teachers, who had obtained B. Ed./B.T.I. Certificate on their own expenses, are covered by the circular dated 24.12.98 issued by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh.

5. Further in the matter of Smt. Manorama Shrivastava Vs. State of M.P. and others { 2000 (1) M.P.L.S.R. 136 } the Madhya Pradesh State Administrative Tribunal, Gwalior Bench, while considering the circular dated 1.3.1999 wherein, it is provided that the Assistant Teachers, who have acquired B. Ed. degree at their own cost between 23.10.1964 and 7.5.1973 shall be entitled to two advance increments, relied on decision in the case of Rakesh Kumar Shrivastava Vs. State of M.P. & others passed in O.A. No. 1632/99, decided on 12.10.1999 wherein it is observed that the circular dated 1.3.1999 cannot be made applicable retrospectively. Thus, a teacher, may be Assistant Teacher, who has obtained B. Ed. degree before 1.3.1999 is entitled to two advance increments.

6. It is pointed out by learned counsel appearing for the petitioners that the then State of Madhya Pradesh had filed a Special Leave Petition against the orders passed by the Tribunal and the Hon'ble Supreme Court dismissed Special Leave Petition No. 1999/2000 filed against the order of the Tribunal. Therefore, the direction to

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the effect that the circular dated 1.3.1999 cannot be made applicable retrospectively, passed by the Tribunal, becomes final and the same shall be applicable to all the Assistant Teachers who have obtained B. Ed./B.T.I. certificate before 1.3.1999. It is further substantiated by a circular dated 17.10.2003 issued by the present State of Madhya Pradesh wherein the circular clearly states about the decision of the Supreme Court.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the facts and question of law involved in the present case are squarely covered by decision of this Court in the case of Yashwant Kumar Bharadwaj Vs. Municipal Corporation, Durg and another (Supra), to which learned counsel appearing for the respondents fairly concedes and agrees with the averment made by learned counsel appearing for the petitioners.

8. Accordingly, in the event D. Ed. certificate holders are equal to B.T.I./B.Ed. certificate holders, they are entitled to the same relief in terms of the orders passed in the case of Yashwant Kumar Bharadwaj Vs. Municipal Corporation, Durg and another (Supra), subject to verification of the fact as to whether the petitioners have acquired D. Ed. Certificate on their own expenses as per the circulars dated 24.12.1998 and 1.3.1999 and further whether they have been paid two advance increments or not. No order as to costs.

9. A copy of this order be placed on record in connected matters.

Sd/-
Satish K. Agnihotri
Judge

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